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EXPERTS SHED LIGHT ON MANAGING BILLION DOLLAR PROGRAMS

Symposium to be held in Cincinnati on April 22 and 23

Cincinnati, Mar. 29, 2004 – Experts from across the country are coming to Cincinnati to share their knowledge and experience with managing multi-billion dollar construction programs at a symposium hosted by the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) on April 22 and 23. Utility representatives, program managers and public officials who have managed such projects will highlight best practices and share case studies with peers who are launching projects of their own.

“Many wastewater utilities across the nation, including MSD, are having to significantly increase their capital improvement programs to keep up with federal regulations. As such, they are looking for the best way to manage the additional work,” said MSD director and symposium host Patrick Karney. In order to fulfill the requirements of MSD’s recently negotiated consent decrees, the utility’s capital improvement program is nearly tripling in size and could cost \$1.5 billion over its 18-year duration.

“Other organizations have already faced similar challenges and have much to contribute about the right ways and wrong ways to proceed,” continued Karney. “This symposium is an opportunity for everybody to gather in one location and, over the course of just two days, learn a great deal from each other’s experiences.”

The symposium is aimed primarily at public utility representatives as well as engineering consultants likely to be involved in related projects. However, representatives from any organization dealing with major capital investment and construction programs are welcome to attend.

Public and utility officials, regulators, program managers and contractors representing projects in Los Angeles, Detroit, Atlanta, Chicago, Fort Lauderdale and Washington, D.C. are among the speakers scheduled for the event. Topics addressed will include:

- Managing capital investment programs
- Managing budgets for multi-billion dollar programs
- Program management tools
- Managing multi-billion dollar construction projects with an in-house staff
- National wet weather consent decree trends and issues
- The economic impact of billion dollar programs

“MSD has an excellent operations and maintenance program that occupies the full-time attention of its existing staff. Adding a major capital improvement program on top of that is a huge undertaking,” said Fred Craig, Senior Vice President, Area Manager for Parsons Brinckerhoff. “MSD should be credited with seeing that this new effort needs additional oversight. The information shared at this symposium will be a valuable tool for them and other organizations like MSD who are or will soon be managing their own capital programs.”

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A speaker for the symposium, Craig was the project manager for the \$316 million reconstruction of Fort Washington Way. His company, Parsons Brinckerhoff, is a co-sponsor for the symposium. Other co-sponsors include Black & Veatch Corporation; Jordan, Jones & Goulding, Inc.; CH2M HILL; Quest Engineers, Inc.; CDM-Cincinnati; H.C. Nutting Company; XCG Consultants, Inc.; Fuller, Mossbarger, Scott and May Engineers (FMSM), Inc.; Burgess & Niple, Inc.; and BBS Corporation.

The Managing Multi-Billion Dollar Construction Programs symposium will be held at the Marriott Kingsgate Conference Hotel in Cincinnati on April 22 and 23. The cost of registration is \$200 per person. Those interested in attending should call Maria Turner at (513) 244-1303. Additional information and a registration form also are available on the MSD Web site at www.msdbg.org.

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Every day, the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) manages the effective collection and treatment of more than 200 million gallons of wastewater and actively maintains 3,000 miles of sanitary and combined sewers that run through the 49 municipalities and townships of Hamilton County. Owned by Hamilton County and operated by the City of Cincinnati, MSD is committed to continually maintaining and improving its wastewater collection and treatment systems for the betterment of both public and environmental health.